

# The State of Washington



## Proclamation

**WHEREAS**, the Earned Income Tax Credit (EITC) reduces or eliminates taxes that low-income working people pay and, if the credit exceeds the amount of taxes owed, a lump sum credit is paid to those who qualify; and

**WHEREAS**, the EITC has become one of the nation's most effective tools for lifting low-income workers and their families above the poverty line; and

**WHEREAS**, together, the EITC and low-income Child Tax Credit (CTC) are among the strongest tools to promote work and help workers with children escape poverty and achieve self-sufficiency; and

**WHEREAS**, 426,000 Washington residents received \$926 million in EITC refunds in 2017, for an average refund of \$2,177; and

**WHEREAS**, 164,000 Washingtonians were lifted out of poverty by the EITC and CTC, including an average of 81,000 children each year during 2011 to 2013; and

**WHEREAS**, the Internal Revenue Service estimates just four of five, or 80 percent, of eligible taxpayers claim and receive this important credit;

**NOW THEREFORE**, I, Jay Inslee, Governor of the state of Washington, do hereby proclaim January 26, 2018, as

### *Earned Income Tax Credit Awareness Day*

in Washington, and I encourage all people in our state to join me in this special observance.

Signed this 19<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2018



  
Governor Jay Inslee